

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: NAKAMURA et al.

Serial No.: 09/613,541

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING AN IMPROVED  
CONNECTION ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN A  
SEMICONDUCTOR PELLET AND BASE SUBSTRATE  
ELECTRODES AND A METHOD OF MANUFACTURE  
THEREOF

Group: 2826

Examiner: A. Williams

RESPONSE TO EX PARTE QUAYLE OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

November 23, 2001

Sir:

In response to the Ex Parte Quayle Office Action dated May 23, 2001, the period of response for which extension is requested by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, applicants are enclosing herewith a Reissue Application Declaration by the Inventors and the original letters patent USP 5,777,391. In light of the filing of the Reissue Application Declaration by the Inventors, removal of the rejection of claims 26-90 under 35 USC 251 is respectfully requested (noting that these claims had been rejected as improperly broadened since the Reissue Application was made and sworn to by the Assignee and not the Patentee). In



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particular, by virtue of the submission of the Reissue Application Declaration by the Inventors, the Reissue Application is now made and sworn to by the Patentee as well as the Assignee. In particular, the Reissue Application Declaration by the Inventors specifically notes that the errors in the original letters patent include:

"The original patent claimed less than applicants were entitled to claim by failing to claim the subject matter set forth in broadened new claims 26-90."

Accordingly, entry of this Reissue Application Declaration by the Inventors, and removal of the rejection under 35 USC 251, is respectfully requested.

By virtue of the submission of this declaration and the original letters patent, it is respectfully submitted that all requirements in this Reissue Application have now been met. Accordingly, reissue is respectfully requested.

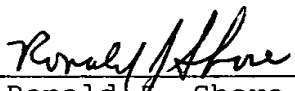
If the Examiner believes that there are any other points which may be clarified or otherwise disposed of, either by telephone discussion or by personal interview, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit

account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, Deposit Account  
No. 01-2135 (501.34189R00).

Respectfully submitted,

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